THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Government has not appointed any High Powered Committee for different States including Uttar Pradesh for the development of roads and bridge coinstruction industry, and supervision of the construction and maintenance of roads and highways. The Government has, however, constituted a Committee to study various aspects of the development of road and bridge contracting industry in the country. The Committee is likely to submit its report by August, 1990.

सिंधी विकास बोर्ड

2333. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोडा :**

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार ने सिन्धी विकास बोर्ड स्थापित किए जाने की बात को सैद्धान्तिक रूप से स्वीकार कर लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान इस उद्देश्य के लिए बजट में धन का आवंटन भी किया गया था;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या बोर्ड स्थापना न किए जाने के कारण ये निधियां अप्रयुक्त रह गई ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो बोर्ड की स्थापना करने हेतु सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे है?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) से (घ) सरकार द्वारा सिन्धी विकास बोर्ड की स्थापना करने के भावी विचार को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस बोर्ड की स्थापना के लिए समय-समय पर बजट में धन का प्रावधान किया जा रहा है तथापि इस प्रस्ताव को अभी स्वीकृत नहीं किया गया है। बजट को योजना के अन्तर्गत अन्य कार्यों में इस्तेमाल किया गया है।

Norms for selecting sponsored programmes for T.V.

2334. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the norms for selecting sponsored programmes, feature films for telecast; and

(b) whether it is a fact that some vested interests are working for selecting sponsored programmes for T.V. as reported in a section of press?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Sponsored T.V. Serials are selected after taking into consideration the merit of the script, the credentials of the director and other members of the production team and the programme needs of Doordarshan. While assessing the merit of the script, the Sellection Committee also keeps in view the need to:

(i) promote the basic socio-cultural values like human unity and harmony, equal respect for all relegions; rejection of violence, communal rivalries and tensions, libration from superstitions and prejudices ;

(ii) project the rich cultural diversity of the country; and

(iii) inculcate in the growing generations the right kind of values outlook and standards.

Feature films for telecast on Doordarshan are selected on the

basis of the following broad criteria:

(i) National/International/State Award won

(ii) Thematic Value

(iii) Cinematic Value

(iv) Entertainment value

(v) Suitability for family viewing

(vi) Year of production

Regional language feature films which fulfil any of the following criteria or have won any of the following national awards, as the case may be, only are considered for telecast on the national network on Sunday:

(i) National award for the Best or second Best Feature film of the year (in all languages combined),

(ii) Indira Gandhi Award for Best first film of a Director,

(iii) Award for best film providing popular and wholesome entertainment,

(iv) Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration,

(v) Best film on Family Welfare,

(vi) Best film on Other Social issues such as prohibition, women and child welfare, anti-dowry, drug abuse etc.,

(vii) President's Award of 'Rajat Kamal' for the Best Feature Film in a regional language,

(viii) Entry in the Indian Panorama and mainstream Sections of any International Films Festival of India/Filmotsav,

(ix) Films which have celebrated Silver Jubilee (having run continuously for 25 weeks) and carry a 'U' certificate.

(b) All sponsored programmes are selected by a duly constituted Selection Committee consisting of eminent non-officials and senior officers of Doordarshan.

Cancellation of Licence of Hotel Meridien

2335. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether in the recent pas the licence of Hotel Meridien was cancelled ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether cancellation of the licence of Hotel Meridien was also due to non-renewal of existing licence and recovery of certain dues ;

(d) whether large number of hotels and tourist lodges under the jurisdiction of Police Stations, Paharganj and Nabi Karim are working for many years without any valid licences and payment of Government dues ;

(e) whether Government propose to close these hotels, tourist lodges or even demolish them ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (c) Yes Sir. The licence of Meridien Hotel was cancelled w.e.f. 6.3.90. due to non-payment of dues amounting to about Rs. 13.11 crores which included interest claimed by Govt. of India, annual licence fee due on 28.9.88 and 28.9.89, instalments of deferred payments due on 28.9.88, 28.3.89 and 28.9.89 and also the previous payments.

(d) to (f) A number of hotels and tourist lodges are running without licence. The owners of unlicenced Guest-Houses/Hotels are challened under the MCD Act and the Delhi Police Act. The Courts are requested by the Police for their closure.